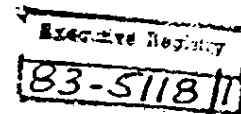


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16 Dec: NIO/EA will attend.

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

December 13, 1983

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
THE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL
SECURITY AFFAIRS

SUBJECT: Following Up President Reagan's Visit -- our
Relations with Japan

Following the SIG-IEP meeting of November 17, your Departments have sent helpful papers summarizing our present positions and short-term objectives vis-a-vis our relations with Japan. These papers have been very helpful to me in understanding where we stand now and where we should seek to move on a broad range of issues.

I have put Don Gregg, my Assistant for National Security Affairs, in charge of the coordination of the follow-up effort, reporting directly to me. It is my thought that Don will preside over meetings of a sub-Cabinet level working group comprised of representatives of all of your organizations which can arrive at coordinated positions on a wide range of bilateral issues affecting us and the Japanese.

The Japanese elections will be held on December 18 and following that I am told Prime Minister Nakasone will designate my counterpart. It is my thought that soon after the Japanese designate their point man, probably in January, we should get together to compare our agenda and see where our negotiational priorities must lie.

Prior to meeting with the Japanese, we have work to do in terms of getting our own house in order. I thus request that each of you designate a representative to the working

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group to be headed by Don. The first meeting of this group will be held at 3:00 p.m. on December 19 at the White House in an office to be designated later. Please let my office know who your representative will be by December 16 so that details of the meeting can be worked out with them.

I would welcome personal observations from you on this process at any point.


George Bush